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SCARCITY OF FOODGRAIN
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether shifting to cash crop, flowers and vegetable cultivation in various States of the country has resulted in low production of food-grains leading to scarcity of foodgrain in the coming years; and

(b) if so, the measures taken by the Government to overcome the above situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): No, Sir. As a part of national policy, the Government has been emphasizing crop diversification keeping in view the soil health problems being encountered by growing exhaustive crops like cereals followed by cereals. A record production of 211.32 million tonnes of foodgrains has been achieved during 2001-02. Raising the productivity of foodgrains could compensate the area shift from foodgrains to cash crop, flowers and vegetable.

(b): Does not arise.